



Congratulations



To Kadie and Todd on the birth of Elodie Willow Hawkes-Bayliss. Elodie was born on Thursday 27th May 2021 at 11:39am by cesarean section at the JR, weighing 6lbs 15oz. Kadie and Todd are thrilled with their new bundle, especially as she only wakes once in the night for a feed. Her big sister Lorelai Taylor, who is aged 9 and in year 4 at St Peter's School, is an absolutely doting big sister and reads to Elodie every night from her collection of David Walliams books. Elodie already listens intently.

Kadie and Todd love living in Barrow Court, where they have had great support from neighbours and fellow villagers. They've been overwhelmed with all the congratulations and interest in their new addition, which just anchors their love for this village even more so. And obviously Todd is delighted that his paternity leave has coincided with the Euros.



St Peter's School Captain Tom 100 Challenge

The SPSA (PTA) challenged the children, parents and wider community to continue Captain Tom Moore's legacy by completing a 100 of "something" to raise money for the school.

Due to Covid the SPSA's biggest fundraiser, Bike Night, has been cancelled twice, as well as other face to face events. So the group were hopeful that this challenge would bring in some much needed money to the PTA, and the children did not disappoint!

There were some incredible entries!



- Trampoline Bouncing
- Running laps
- Drawings
- Reading 100 pages
- 100 minute silence
- Cake baking
- 100 toy car traffic jam
- Memorising 100 flags
- Making shell necklaces
- 100 daisies in a chain to name a few!



A winner was chosen from each class. Their prize winning entries were:

- 100 pieces of litter collected.
- 100 kind words sent to each of their classmates.
- 100 pages read, lego creation with 100 bricks and 100 bounces on a trampoline (all from one child!)
- Nearly 100 handmade beaded earrings made and then sold.

An incredible effort was made by all the children, even Mr Jeffries did 100 miles around Silverstone on his motorbike!

The SPSA are currently at a total of £1495 raised, with more to come in. They were blown away by the response and even more so by the amount raised, which will be incredibly helpful going forward into the next academic year.

For more news from St Peter's School please see page 3



welcome

Anne's CAWNer

Welcome to the 529th edition of CAWN. This month we are delighted to be able to celebrate the silver weddings of three couples who are well known to many of you. You will find messages of congratulations in this edition. We are also very happy to welcome little Elodie - a new arrival in our community. If you have any happy news of births or anniversaries that you would like to share with the village please send it to me.

Hopefully some of you were able to support the children from St Peter's when they were raising money with their Captain Tom 100 Challenges. Well done to all of them on some very original challenges, and for raising such an impressive sum. Thank you to the SPSA, Emily and Jon for supplying the articles about the school activities.

Thank you to Cate for her unusual salad recipe, as well as to all our regular contributors. We have some further recollections this month, this time from Sandra Baughan, remembering the village in the 1960's and 70's. In particular she recalls how taking on an allotment helped her family meet people and integrate into the village. Further proof, if it were needed, of the benefits this wonderful space brings to our community.

Sadly the "What's On" diary, on the back page, is emptier than ever! However fingers crossed that by the time I am typing this column for the August edition we will have greater freedom, and we can look forward to some events put on by our new entertainment officers! Watch this space!

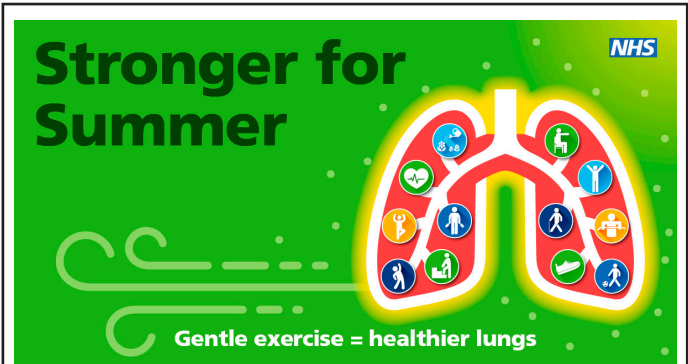
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A new campaign launches this week, led by NHS South East Clinical Delivery and Networks in partnership with Public Health England, Age UK, GPs and local authorities, to support frail people and/or those living with a respiratory condition.

Stronger for Summer promotes reactivation and reconditioning exercises for those 65+, encouraging them to keep active and improve lung health, improve strength and mobility and reduce their risk of falls and hospitalisation.

The campaign features visual resources to show people simple, safe and gentle exercises. A printed copy showing the exercises can be obtained from Age UK by phoning 01235 849403. The campaign follows on the heels of Quit4Covid and KeepWarmKeepWell campaigns that ran over the winter months.

Find out more at the campaign webpage:
<https://www.southeastclinicalnetworks.nhs.uk/health-inequalities/strongerforsummer/>

July stargazing highlights

July 4 - Mercury at Greatest Western Elongation.

This is the best time to view Mercury as it will be at its highest point above the horizon. Look for the planet low in the eastern sky just before sunrise.

July 10 - New Moon.

The Moon will be on the same side of the Earth as the Sun and will not be visible in the night sky. This is the best time of the month to observe faint objects such as galaxies and star clusters because there is no moonlight to interfere.

July 24 - Full Moon.

The Moon will be on the opposite side of the Earth to the Sun so its face will be fully illuminated. This full moon was known by early Native American tribes as the Buck Moon because the male buck deer would begin to grow their new antlers at this time of year. This moon has also been known as the Thunder Moon and the Hay Moon.

July 28, 29 - Delta Aquarids Meteor Shower.

The Delta Aquarids is an average shower that can produce up to 20 meteors per hour. It is produced by debris left behind by comets Marsden and Kracht. The shower runs from July 12 to August 23, peaking on the night of July 28 and morning of July 29. The glare from the nearly full moon will block most of the faintest meteors. Best viewing will be from a dark location after midnight.

St Peter's School News



The summer term is flying by and it won't be long before our year 6 children are flying the St Peter's nest. Obviously Covid has had a huge impact again on what we have been able to do this year but we will continue to make the best of it. One way that we have been making up for the lack of school trips is by having curriculum days. Last term we had Oxford Story Museum in to share their love of books and oral story telling. This term we have had a science day and are planning a computing day later in the term. Have a look on the school webpage for photos of all the learning and fun!

For the science day, Mrs Edwards organised activities and investigations for the whole school. In year 5/6, the children had fun learning about bubble geometry and they also investigated the best biscuit to dunk. Year 3/4 used an engineering Curiosity Box (a huge thank you to them) to do the blood hound challenge which involved creating racing cars and testing how they could make them race. Year 1/2 learned about rockets and how to get their astronaut mice to fly the highest and also how to make them spin! Nursery and reception children did investigations with floating and sinking and making porridge to see how the mixture changed – everyone had so much fun!

To celebrate World Oceans Day on 8th June, all the children dressed either in blue or as sea creatures and brought in donations. We managed to raise £158 for our 'adopted' charity, the Marine Conservation Trust! We discussed with

the children how plastic and rubbish in general ends up in the ocean and was pleasantly surprised by how knowledgeable and committed to action the children already are. Each child made a promise of one thing they can personally do to help improve ocean health. Suggestions included using refillable bottles for water instead of single use plastic, reusing and recycling throw-away items at home so items don't need to be thrown out in the first place and using fabric shopping bags instead of plastic.

This term we also had a walk to school week organised by Mrs Houghton. It was great to see so many children (and parents!) looking so fresh-faced and enthusiastic after their walk/cycle to school. I walked to school on Tuesday and enjoyed every minute of the 5.5 miles through the countryside. I saw deer, rabbits and so many birds which was a great start to the day!

Jon Jeffries
Headteacher

Unlocking.....

Minds that learn, Hearts that love, Faith that gives

WI NEWS

This month we didn't hold our regular meeting as we will be going to Sezincote house near Moreton in Marsh to visit both the house and garden on 30th June. In July we will be having a garden party in one of our member's lovely garden (hoping for good weather) which we're all looking forward to and as mentioned in last month's report a chance to dress up and wear a hat!!

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Thank you.

Some of you may have been wondering about this beautiful display of wild flowers in the churchyard. The seeds were donated by GreenTEA as part of a research project to see which wild flowers grow best under different conditions. Bella Thomas-Clarke; Megan Martin; Eliza Osgathorp; Felix and Dylan Kemp and Frazer from the school eco-group were then responsible for the sowing.'



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JULY 2021

The church is open for individuals' private prayer daily.
There are clear instructions regarding the use of the church including permitted areas, and hand sanitizer is provided for everyone using the church.
Social distancing is being observed for services, which means that numbers are limited. Places at services should be booked via the Church Office.

Services this month

Sunday 4th July – 9.30am Morning Worship

Sunday 11th July - 9.30am Holy Communion (BCP)

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25th July - 9.30am Holy Communion

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Have I lost the habit of handwriting?

I was recently really pleased to be given a letter that was written by my mother, to her sister-in-law, in 1940. This letter is the only piece of my mother's handwriting that I have which is longer than a few words on the back of a photograph. I had completely forgotten how small, uniform and neat my mum's handwriting was.

My handwriting is a bit variable in size, spacing and neatness – and tends to wander uphill! (Not to mention grammatical, punctuation and spelling mistakes.) I've got out of the habit of writing formally by hand (let alone using a fountain pen) and during the last 20 years or so most of my writing has been typed on the computer.

During the pandemic it has been easy for us to just "get out of the habit". Get out of the habit of meeting friends regularly, driving the car, of doing sport, of going to activities or even going to church.

A lot has been said about "the new normal" when we come out of the pandemic. The opportunity to reset our personal objectives, not necessarily trying to go back to how things were but making a fresh start. However, there may be good

things in our "old normal" that we need to reinstate and not lose. It may be that we need to evaluate what we may have lost and then discipline ourselves to retrieve what was previously good, whether that is physical, mental, spiritual or social.

Getting back together and reconnecting will be good for us all.

In the bible the writer to the Hebrews says this in chapter 10 (page 254 in your Jubilee New Testament)

23 Let us hold unswervingly to the hope we profess, for he who promised is faithful. 24 And let us consider how we may spur one another on towards love and good deeds, 25 not giving up meeting together, as some are in the habit of doing, but encouraging one another...

Also, in our "new normal" we can commit ourselves to some things that we have long since lost the habit of – maybe handwriting letters more often, or reconnecting with God - maybe praying (you could start with the words of the Lord's Prayer each day or the 23rd Psalm) or even maybe coming to church on a Sunday.

Revd Roger Aston

Recollections of Cassington

by Sandra Baughan

In the February newsletter the photograph of swans waddling down Bell Lane in 1951 reminded me of the cows being driven along Yarnton Road in the late 1960's. We moved into the village in September 1968. Our first job was to cultivate the back garden to create a lawn for our daughter to play on. The next year the front garden was given the same treatment creating a nice flat lawn. My husband has always had a thing about a nice front lawn, and still has!

Well getting back to the cows. Bert Jones, who lived in Orchard Farm that was then situated behind the old school, and in a similar position to the two houses that stand behind the war memorial today, would drive a small herd of cows out of the village along the Yarnton Road. Often he would stop and talk to other villagers and let the cows carry on by themselves. This is when they would take the opportunity to come into our front garden and graze on the lush new grass of our front lawn – much to my husband's annoyance! This is something that would be impossible today with all the cars that are speeding through the village.

In 1968 we were the newcomers; new faces in a village where many had known one another for most of their lives. Many families had been here for a number of generations. It was strange talking to someone, only to find out they were someone else's brother, sister, aunt, uncle etc. It took us a while to integrate, but we found that once we had an allotment the villagers, mostly the men, were more than happy to offer advice and lend a helping hand.

Laurence Newman, who lived up Elms Road, borrowed a tractor and plough from Mr Hale, who lived in Thames Mead Farm, at the bottom of Bell Lane. Laurence ploughed our allotment, saving us the time and effort of endless digging. Ours was the last allotment on the left hand side and had not been used for many years. So you can imagine the soil was full of couch grass and starved of any nutriment. Over the next few years we did our best to improve it.

Peter Mulhern, who lived in St Peter's Close, had the next allotment down from us, and his was in a similar state. Alfie Elger, who lived in a bungalow at the top of Elms Road, had the two allotments just inside the gate on the right. He kept them immaculate and gave us many tips.

We could not compete with him and his many years of experience, along with the piles of manure he dug in on a regular basis. One tip he did give us was to pinch the tips out of the runner beans causing them to shoot and produce beans on shorter plants. This meant there was no need for the poles that would blow over in a strong wind.

Later, when Alfie was finding the two allotments too much for him to work, he offered the first one to us. We found the full length plot too much to tend and keep tidy, so we asked Peter if he would like to share Alfie's plot with us, and he agreed. Our neighbour Mr Withers had been cultivating a small section of our original allotment, but he and his wife were moving to Banbury.

One little tale about my husband's nose! He decided to buy a Merry Tiller cultivator to save time and ease the back breaking work of digging. Every time he came home from the allotments, after using it, he had congealed blood on the bridge of his nose where he had knocked it when starting the cultivator. You would think he would have learnt after the first couple of times?!

Back then we had to carry the tools and containers of water up in the wheelbarrow, which was hard work on a summer's day. Our children liked going up to the allotment and working on their own little plots, especially when I took a picnic tea up with us. One year we had a lovely crop of peas, with many plump pods hanging on the plants, but when we went to pick them we found the pods had been popped and were empty. We asked the children if they knew why this was and our cheeky daughter said our little corgi called Becky must have eaten them. Clever dog!!

On another occasion the children found a tiny leveret tucked in a tuft of grass that had been injured. We brought it home, but sadly it died soon after. At that time we would often see hares running over the fields along the Burleigh Road, but sadly we don't see them now. I can remember the villagers' potato picking in the fields at the end of the season. I also remember the PYO strawberry field by the Eynsham roundabout.

We sadly had to give up our allotment when family commitments took over our lives. Now I see Blenheim are trying to build houses on our allotments. They mustn't succeed or it will be the loss of another social gathering place in the village.



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A Fallen Ancient Oak Becomes a Stunning Seat for Visitors

A fallen oak tree in High Park, believed to be around 500 years old, has been given a new lease of life as a bench for guests to enjoy. The stunning new bench was carved by chainsaw champion Matthew Crabb, and took over 50 hours to complete. Find the new bench on your way around the Park perimeter route, near to Combe gate.

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Saplings from our Ancient Oaks are now on Sale at Blenheim Palace

A selection of saplings carefully grown from acorns collected from across the Park have gone on sale for the first time. The saplings are available from the Blenheim Palace East Courtyard Gift Shop and allow you to take a piece of the Blenheim Estate home, and grow a legacy of your own.

Forthcoming Events

Tino Sehgal at Blenheim Park & Gardens 9th July - 15th August
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A busy few weeks at Churchfields Care Home – June 2021

Over the last couple of weeks as the summer sunshine has arrived, residents and staff have been very busy at Churchfields Care Home.

We have been taking part in the National Trust's 30 days Wild Challenge, which is the UK's biggest nature challenge. The aim of the challenge is to do 'one wild thing a day' throughout the month of June. Some of the activities so far include drawing a landscape using natural materials from our garden, litter picking in the village, writing a wildlife poem, and drawing a wildlife map!



With the anniversary of the first COVID-19 lockdown now passed, one of our very special carers has been reflecting upon the past year. Shay Sparg, who is a Care Assistant here at Churchfields, changed her career plan to become a care professional during the coronavirus pandemic. In January 2020 Shay was preparing to move to London to start a job in Interior Design, however, just before she moved away the COVID-19 Pandemic began in the United Kingdom. Although this disrupted her initial plans, it allowed her time to reconsider her interests and long-term career aspirations.

This encouraged Shay to approach Churchfields, where she undertook the role of Care Assistant in April 2020, at the height of the COVID-19 outbreak in the UK. She is currently studying for her NVQ Level 3, and is being supported by Churchfields Care Home to become a Senior Carer, with the overall goal of developing to the level of Care Practitioner.

It has been celebrations all round at Churchfields recently as Karen Woolford, Activities Coordinator at Churchfields has been nominated for the prestigious Care Home Worker of the Year, at the Oxford Times Health and Care Awards 2021. As part of her role, Karen works closely with residents and colleagues, to plan and deliver a wide range of activities and events, both on a small group basis, as well as offering one-to-one support, for those who prefer. Karen, who has been at the home for almost five years, has been instrumental in supporting staff and residents throughout the COVID-19 Pandemic, whilst remaining consistently positive.



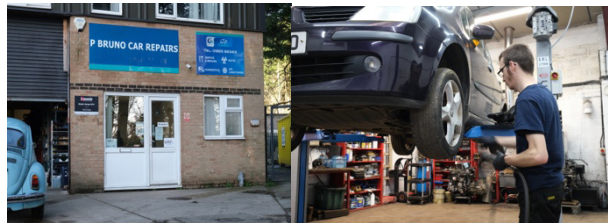
We've also recently welcomed a fabulous new asset to the team, Simon our professional Chef, so will be working closely with our residents to provide nutritious, varied and delicious menus, including choice and quality for all.

In the meantime, please keep following us on Facebook to see how daily life continues at Churchfields Care Home.

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Re-discovered 200-year-old Guide Reveals Lost Treasures of one of Britain's Most Luxurious Roman Villas

An archivist at Blenheim Palace has re-discovered a 200-year-old guide revealing the lost treasures of one of Britain's largest and most luxurious Roman villas. In its heyday North Leigh Roman Villa had a total of 60 rooms; including three bath suites, 16 rooms with mosaics and 11 containing under-floor heating. The villa remained buried for almost 1,500 years until 1813 when it was excavated by architect Henry Hakewill on land owned by the Blenheim Estate.

Hakewill worked on the site for four years (1813-16) just as the Napoleonic Wars were ending and wrote a guide to his excavations shortly after the dig was completed. Among the most spectacular finds was a near-complete mosaic floor, which was almost entirely carried away by sightseers within a week of having been dug up. The destruction was so complete that only the detailed drawing of the mosaic in Hakewill's guidebook survived.

Writing in the guide he commented: 'When first discovered in September, 1815, the pavement was entire, except a small part in the south-east corner, and a circular compartment in the middle of the room but such was the eager curiosity of the country people who, on the Sunday following the discovery, flocked in crowds to the spot, that before any precautions could be adopted the pavement was much injured.'



In addition to the mosaic floor, many other historic features, described in the guidebook, have been entirely lost in the two centuries since the dig took place. It was only when a fragile copy of Hakewill's original

publication was discovered by Dr Alexa Frost, Blenheim Archivist among miscellaneous rent books dating from the 1950s that the true extent and detail of the magnificent villa's decoration and layout was rediscovered.

"We received an enquiry from the North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers about Hakewill's guide but it was really only by chance that I came across it while going through a collection of uncatalogued papers," said Alexa. "It's in a relatively fragile state, however it's complete and it tells a fascinating story of what the site looked like at the time it was first excavated."

"While there are copies of the guide at places like the Bodleian Library, and later guides do incorporate many of the drawings from the dig, it's still quite a significant event to discover an original version here at Blenheim. You can faintly make out the words 'His Grace the Duke of Marlborough' on the front of the guide so it's probably his original copy, which may well have been presented to him by Hakewill himself," she added.

Matthew Lee who helps to organise North Leigh Roman Villa Volunteers described the guidebook's re-discovery as 'tremendously exciting'. "Hakewill's guide provides details of colours, patterns on walls, floors and ceilings, that were one and a half thousand years old when he found them, and many of which have been entirely lost in the subsequent 200 years," he said. "This slim volume will help unlock visitors' and our imaginations when it comes to visualising just how splendid the Roman Villa was," he added.



Sadly lock-down has seen further damage occur to the site in the present day. Although the mosaic is safe, exposed stonework, especially in rooms with stone piers for underfloor heating, is in a fragile state and needs repair. More than a tonne of loose and broken masonry has had to be removed from part of the site pending restoration work and visitors are being urged to respect the barriers and signs indicating where it is currently unsafe to go, in order to help protect the site for generations to come.

Set within a peaceful landscape on the banks of the River Evenlode, North Leigh Roman Villa is considered to be one of the largest villas in Roman Britain with a 500-year history of occupation. Today visitors can imagine the villa's former richness as they walk through the rectangular footprint of its walls – but the mosaic house hides the real gem of a near complete mosaic floor. The mosaics form the floor of villa's winter dining room and, as the only example in Oxfordshire still found in their original location, they give a powerful sense of the Villa's original opulence. For more details of North Leigh Roman Villa: <https://www.english-heritage.org.uk/visit/places/north-leigh-roman-villa/> and to find out about how to become a Friend of North Leigh Roman Villa email: [nlrvols@gmail.com](mailto:nlrsvols@gmail.com)

Neighbourhood Plan

Thank you to those of you who came to the Village Hall on Saturday 26th June to hear about the draft Green Infrastructure Plan that the Group have been working on, and thank you to those who filled out the questionnaire.

For those who couldn't attend the draft plan can be read on the village website at www.cassington-pc.gov.uk Please do take a moment to look at this and send any comments you may have to the clerk, who will forward them on to the Group. You can also download the questionnaire and complete it and scan it and return that to the clerk as well. The clerk's email address is cassingtonclerk@cassington-pc.gov.uk

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Parish Council meeting

The next meeting will be on Thursday July 1st at 7.30 pm in the village hall with full Covid precautions in place. Please contact the clerk if you want to attend. There will be no meeting during the holidays in August.

Blenheim proposal for allotment site development.

The Parish Council discussed at length the current proposals for development in the village both offered by Blenheim and other landowners. The neighbourhood plan will contain a policy statement by the Parish Council which will indicate the stance of the Parish Council with regards to large developments. Smaller sites like Williams Court developed over a longer period would be encouraged with the preference for the dwellings being available for sale to families. The policy statement will expand on what the Parish Council would want to see in applications.

Horsmere Lane and Cassington Lights

The Parish Council had another zoom meeting with representatives from OCC. It was hoped to receive a video presentation of the proposed changes to the lights. The clerk is chasing this and will make it available to residents when received. Other technical issues were discussed which were recorded by the clerk.

Tree Planting Recreation field

The trees are in good health thanks to the watering. Plaques are being prepared and will shortly be placed on each tree noting the sponsor. The Parish Council have received requests for other families to sponsor more trees. Please contact the Clerk if you want to sponsor a tree. The cost is around £250 per tree. The Parish Council has covered transport, planting, protection, and watering. The Parish Council will discuss with the Sports and Social possible sites. If you have other sites in mind, please contact the clerk.

War Memorial.

The clerk is currently talking to both English Heritage and the War Graves commission about the repairs needed to the column. We will need their support and permission to continue with the works. Work in progress.

Neighbourhood Plan.

A draft document has been prepared and will be available for the village comment. A meeting was arranged in the village hall for late June which should have happened prior to this publication.

June 2021

School crossing/ 20mph zone. (as last month)

The clerk has been in touch with OCC regarding the rollout of this initiative and is awaiting further information. It is likely that we will get the reduced speed limit of 20 mph which is now being rolled out throughout Oxfordshire. Our new County Councillor is chasing OCC to find out when this will be happening.

Website.

The site is up and running. Please log in and contact the clerk, who is the administrator, if you have comments or content to add.

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RECIPE OF THE MONTH

Cate's Biscuit salad!

It's been a struggle to get our kids to see salad as a meal but this was a winner. It's based on Greek salad, which I love in its original form, but I had to adapt to take cucumbers out, as not everyone in the family loves them as much as me. So in their place I experimented with other ingredients which would compliment things nicely, and as a bonus appeal to the kids too. So cucumbers taken out, peaches, mint and biscuits added. I hope it helps someone else with a fussy family! I've included the salad dressing recipe but to save time we will use a shop bought one most times.

Salad - serves 4

3 Tomatoes

3 Peaches (we also use 1/4 watermelon sometimes)

4 Spring onions

200g feta/mozzarella

Handful Mint

Tablespoon Olives

2 Digestive biscuits or Baby Rusks

Salad dressing

1/3 cup red wine vinegar

1 tablespoon lemon juice/ 1 lemon

1 tsp Mustard powder

2 garlic cloves, minced

1/2 tsp dried oregano

1/4 tsp salt

1/2 cup olive oil

Method

1. Chop all salad ingredients to your preferred size and toss together in a serving bowl

2. Mix all dressing ingredients in a serving jug

3. Serve and smile at the tastiness.

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Cassington Village Hall

Entertainments and Events

The Entertainments Committee have been trying very hard to put together some events for the community in the Village Hall.

You will of course appreciate that the Pandemic situation has caused us much distress, and interrupted our efforts to plan ahead! There are many stringent rules in place that we have to meet before we can go ahead with full scale bookings. The latest Government delays mean that we have to wait again before we can make firm plans.

We are hoping to run a charity film night in the coming weeks, and details of this will be published in a future edition of CAWN.

We are also very hopeful of staging a BADAPPLE THEATRE PRODUCTION "Tales from the Great Wood". This show features actors and puppets, in an interactive storytelling eco-adventure for ages 5 – 95, perfect for kids and grandparents to enjoy when they can get back together this summer. Please pencil into your diaries the date September 18th.

This event would hopefully be outside (St. Peter's Churchyard or the Village Green), with folk bringing along their own blankets, chairs and picnics. Failing fair weather, we would use the village hall. Once again, details when known (and pandemic permitting) will be published in CAWN

We meet again as a committee in July and hope, by then, there will be better news which will allow us to make firm plans. When we do get into a more regular situation, allowing us to make plans and book ahead, we would very much appreciate the full support of the village in attending events. This will ensure that we stay in a financially secure state, so we can meet all of our fixed running expenses.

Thank you in anticipation of your support. We will do everything possible to keep you informed of the situation.

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CONGRATULATIONS MANDY AND RICH



I am pleased to share with you CAWN readers, that my lovely wife and I are celebrating our 25th wedding anniversary on the 22nd of July this year. I am partly hoping that this public declaration of my continued and strengthening love for her, will somehow ameliorate my poor gift-buying performance!

This article is not a celebration of the institution of marriage, as I fully understand that 'getting hitched' is not for everyone and that, for various reasons, it doesn't always work out the way a couple had hoped. It is totally OK to change course on a hopeless situation or unsuitable person, just never give up on the ideal of loving another being more than you love yourself. Mandy and I just got lucky, and I am grateful for that.

Why do we call it 'Falling in love'? I guess because if we are falling, we don't know where or when the ride will end and trying to grab hold of anything that passes will only slow us down, and maybe even do us harm.

I have figured out over the last quarter century that a good relationship is at once easy and hard work. You get what you give, so to be fulfilled you have to go all in.

TOP TIP: If you find yourself wishing your partner would change their behaviour, try changing your own (instead of complaining) and see what happens!



I fell in love with Mandy a long time ago, and I have been finding reasons to fall in love with her all over again as often as I can. We are not special, we don't resemble a Disney prince and princess but, we do have faith in each other and the promises that we made 25 years ago in St. Peter's church.

Using the freedom that our trust has afforded us, we have generated love to spare for our children, and most anyone else who needs it.

Mandy is my hero, and it makes me happy to witness her being fantastic to others, including them in fun activities, bringing them together and providing one-on-one friendship, advice and solace as required.

Love is magic, and magic is real, it flows through us on demand and there is an unlimited supply.

Love cannot be counted or preserved, only given and nourished, and I hope to continue my descent for many years to come.

Happy Anniversary Babe!

Rich Constance



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Observation

By Stephen Wright

It brings me great sorrow to announce that, following a long and prosperous five-year relationship, I am breaking up with my weekly supermarket. We had a good run, Asda.

You first lured me in at the age of 18, me an innocent young man trying to find his way in the world and learning independence upon leaving home for the first time. And you, securing a partnership with McDonalds to keep fast food fans coming back for more.

Countless barbecue chicken legends later, it's time for me to move on.

At university, you represented the middle ground. On my local high street, we had LIDL, which I'm too Tory for, and Waitrose, which I'm not Tory enough for. You were somewhere in between. They were within walking distance but you, you boasted an impressive multi-storey car park to make the drive worthwhile.

I'll miss Asda radio, its catchy tunes causing me to sing along the aisles behind my mask, steaming up my glasses as I attempted to browse for Baxter's Sri Lankan Sweet Potato Soup (ok, maybe I am Tory enough for Waitrose).

You could describe my decision to try out Morrisons as a sideways step, but with its premises located so close to the Norwich stadium, I've spent the last two years building up a solid bond with the green arches.

Thank-you, Asda. I know your layout like the back of my hand and perhaps this is more of a see you later than a goodbye. We had a good run.

Woodstock & District u3a

u3a

Defying lockdown, Woodstock u3a held its Annual General Meeting as scheduled in mid-June – courtesy of Zoom. We are now looking forward to a couple more Meetings with outside speakers which will be zoomed to members.

The meeting on 13 July will feature art historian Lizzie Rowe on the "Art of World War II" – a time when Henry Moore, Paul Nash, Eric Ravilious and others came to the fore.

On 10 August, Jeff Rozzelaer's "A ticket to yesterday's promises, an alternative view of the 60s by a non-swingler". Did we not used to be told: 'if you say you can remember the Sixties, you can't have been there'?

Meanwhile, the Branch's score of individual Interest Groups press on, some by Zoom others – including our doughty Walkers of course – in person.

The Play Reading Group, having celebrated Shakespeare's birthday [23 April] with an outdoor reading of his work, now hope to tackle a modern work – J B Priestley's 'Time & the Conways' – before taking a break in August.

Details of all Branch activities, can be found at www.u3asites.org.uk/woodstock.



EYNSHAM CHURCHES HOLIDAY CLUB 2021

(St Leonard's Eynsham and St Peter's Cassington,
Eynsham Baptist Church and St Peters RC Church)

Updated news:

The Holiday Club is planned in the open at St Leonard's Church land and graveyard.

From 0900 - 1200 on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday of the week of July 26th - weather permitting

On Thursday July 29th the Oxfordshire Play Association's Play & Activity Day takes place at the Eynsham Sports Pavilion. We encourage children to take part.

The Holiday Club service will take place at St Leonard's on Sunday August 1st

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TEA TIME TEASER

This month, as our thoughts are on the Euros, I tried to find quotes about football or footballers. To make it easier I am giving you the whole quote, but who said them?

1. I wouldn't say I was the best manager in the business, but I was in the top one!
2. Footballers these days often have to use their feet.
3. We didn't underestimate them. They were just a lot better than we thought.
4. In football everything is complicated by the presence of the opposite team.
5. Football is a simple game; 22 men chase a ball for 90 minutes, and at the end the Germans win.
6. My wife doesn't like football. One day she called me ten minutes before a game to find out where I was.
7. If you eat caviar every day it's difficult to return to sausages.
8. You don't have to love me. You don't even have to like me, but you will respect me.

Answers next month

Answers to last month's phrases from Shakespeare's plays:

1. The Course Of true Love Never Did Run Smooth from A Midsummer Night's Dream
2. To Be, Or Not To Be: That Is The Question from Hamlet
3. Now Is The Winter Of our Discontent from Richard III
4. Is This A Dagger which I See Before Me from Macbeth
5. All that Glisters Is Not Gold from The Merchant of Venice
6. Uneasy Lies The Head That wears The Crown from Henry IV part 2
7. Some Are Born Great, Some Achieve Greatness, And some Have Greatness Thrust Upon Them from Twelfth Night
8. What's In A Name? A Rose By any Other Name Would Smell As Sweet from Romeo and Juliet

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CONGRATULATIONS NICKY AND MARCUS



Thank you Nicky for two lovely kids and 25 wonderful years. Here's looking forward to the next 25!
Marcus x



CONGRATULATIONS LORNA AND GRAHAM



I would like to wish my wife a very happy 25th Wedding Anniversary.
Lorna I love you very much,
now and always
x Graham



Gardening Tips for July



July's a tricky month for gardening as the weather can vary so much

- Pots, hanging baskets and bedding plants still need watering.
- Collect as much rain water as possible.
- Plant more salad to keep a summer continuation.
- Keep the glass house windows open to prevent plants scorching.
- Hoe border weeds first thing or late into the evenings to allow them to dry off.
- Keep plants staked and tied up.

By Piers Lewis, Garden Consultant.

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